USA during 1983-84 to 1985-86 are given below:—

	SMP (M.T.)	Butter Oil (M.T.)
1983-84	7694·700	599·260
1984-85	68,803·278	15859·397
1985-86	9515·975	2813·020

An amount of about Rs. 76.07 crores was generated from SMP and butter oil received as gift from EEC from 1983-84 to 1985-86 at the transfer value of Rs. 8,000 per MT of SMP and Rs. 12,000 per MT of butter oil.

(b) The selling prices of different types of milk supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, Delhi, are given below:

Delhi Milk Scheme :	
(i) Toned Milk (3.0% fat/	Rs. 3.30 per litre
(ii) Standardised (4.5%fat) Milk	Rs. 4.50 per litre
(iii) Double Toned (1.5% fat) Milk	Rs. 2.70 per litre
Mother Dairy, Delhi :	
(i) Toned Milk (3.0% fat)	Rs. 3.50 per litre
(is) Full cream milk in poly pack (6 0% f t)	Rs. 5.40 per litre

The prices of milk sold to consumers are decided by the States/State Cooperative Diary Federations|Distt. Unions. The prices vary from State to State.

Change in course of river Ravi

2472. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the change in the course of river Ravi every year has resulted in a loss of 10,000 acres of Indian territory in Gurdaspur District of Punjab;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the change in Ravi's course is due to the construction of spurs on it by Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such a phenomenon and also to prevent floods in the border areas of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) It is reported that some culturable land is lost for cultivation due to change in the course of river Ravi as a result of construction of diversion bunds and cunettes by Pakistan.

(c) Necessary protective measures on the Indian side are taken in this regard. Thein dam is expected to reduce the recurrence of floods in the river Ravi.

Rise in prices of essential commodities

2473. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the prices of wheat, rice and other cereals as well as sugar have arisen sharply in the markets of Delhi during the last two months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to bring down the prices of these

essential commodities, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Retail open market prices of sugar, rice, wheat and other cereals in Delhi have generally remained steady over the past two months.

(c) Does not arise.

Loss to tobacco growers due to damping off and Black Shank Diseases

2474. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco growers in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have suffered huge losses due to damping off and Black Shank diseases of Tobacco;

(b) whether Tobacco Research Stations at Hunsur and Rajahmundry have suggested to Government to supply Didomill to the growers through Tobacco Board or State Agriculture Department to effectively control these diseases of Tobacco; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fungicide Ridomil is not available in the country. The Central Tobacco Research Institute is being advised to take up testing of suitable substitutes for generating data against these two diseases.

Call to treat Muslims as socially backward community

2475. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item published in the Times of India of 14th October, 1986 regarding call by a former member of Planning Commission to treat Muslims s socially backward community instead of a religious group and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are aware of a general feeling of neglect amongst various minority groups and, if so, what corrective steps Government propose in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the news item published in the Times of India of 14 October, 1986 a former Member of the Planning Commission is reported to have made a statement on the lines mentioned in the question.

(b) It would not be a correct to say that there is a general feeling of neglect amongst various minority groups.

Delay in implementation of the Narmada Project

2476. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is abnormal and indefinite delay in implementation of the Narmada project in Gujarat;

(b) what is the actual cost that Gujarat has to incur per day for the delay in implementation of this project and what is the per day loss Government have to suffer due to this delay and the money already spent or invested on this project;

(c) what is the amount by way of commitment charges that Gujarat Government is required to pay to the World Bank on this project;